

Dear Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

My name is Chiqui Perez, I live in Hartford and I'm a member of *Hartford Deportation Defense*. I'm in favor of **HB6616: An Act Concerning Expansion Of Husky Health Benefits To Those Ineligible Due To Immigration Status**.

I came to Connecticut 7 years ago with my daughter who was 2 years old. Her name is Emely. I came to work and to have a family with a better future for my little girl. Me and my husband work to support our family. I have three children.

I don't have health insurance because I don't qualify and I don't go to the doctor because it's too expensive without insurance and I haven't been able to go for a physical. I worry about getting sick because I wouldn't be able to pay a high bill.

We don't know if tomorrow we will be in good health or have an emergency. Everything has gone up-rent, bills, and food.

I would like for my community to have the peace of mind of having a family and working without worrying about what will happen if we get sick and have to go to the emergency room. We don't go to the doctor because we can't afford it.

**I support HB6616** and hope the committee will vote in favor of continuing to expand HUSKY health insurance for our immigrant communities. Expanding to age 26 is a great step but we must continue to move forward until all ages have access.

Thanks for your time,  
Chiqui Perez  
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